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1. [redacted] Called the office of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and asked for the names of the Committee members of the Subcommittee on Oversight. A secretary in the office gave me the names and said that the staff members had not yet been assigned to subcommittees.

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2. [redacted] I compared notes on pending electronic surveillance legislation with [redacted] NSA Office of General Counsel. He is as concerned as I am that the approach that is taking shape on the Hill will raise serious questions concerning the operations of our respective agencies.

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3. [redacted] and I met with Chairman John Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee, for about 45 minutes this morning to bring him up to date on current intelligence developments and matters involving the current inquiries to the Agency. See Memo for Record.

Following our meeting with Chairman Stennis, [redacted] and I met with Clark McFadden, General Counsel of the Committee, and briefed him on the topics covered with the Chairman. I told McFadden that we would provide him with the data the Chairman had requested on current legislation affecting the Agency.

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4. [redacted] Attempted to see Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, without success on our comments on H. Res. 205. I did talk briefly with Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, however, to tell him that I had discussed the possibility of a letter to the Speaker from the Director and had received some White House guidance on this. I told him we were still thinking about this and would keep him informed.

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5. [redacted] As a follow-up to a previous meeting, delivered to Bob Perkins, on the staff of Senator William Brock (R., Tenn.), an unclassified Agency publication on the United Nations General Assembly.

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Dropped by the House Foreign Affairs Committee offices to see Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, and while waiting for Czarnecki ran into Jack Marsh, Counselor to the President. Marsh and I were there to discuss Executive Branch responses to the Harrington Resolutions of Inquiry (H. Res. 205, 206 and 207) and we discussed the matter with Czarnecki jointly. In the course of our meeting, Marsh placed a call to Phil Aeeda, Counsel to the President, on the subject. The White House is redrafting the letter originally submitted by Aeeda to Chairman Morgan and it will be returned to Czarnecki this evening. It is expected the Foreign Affairs Committee will act on H. Res. 206 and 207 tomorrow (H. Res. 205 was referred to the House Armed Services Committee) and it is expected that the Committee will not act favorably on these Resolutions. I told Marsh we had submitted our draft comments to the Armed Services Committee to the White House staff for clearance and we would await their guidance.

I asked Czarnecki about the scheduling of the Director's briefing on covert activities since the Committee on Oversight has now been designated. Czarnecki said the Chairman has just had his hands full with other matters and has not been able to get to it as yet. Czarnecki will let us know further about this.

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Met briefly with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and mentioned the possibility of the Director sending a letter to Speaker Albert. (See Note for File)

I picked up from Preston a copy of the unclassified transcript of the Director's open testimony before the Defense Subcommittee on 20 February.

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Met with Dorothy Fosdick, staff of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee, and asked her about Senator Henry Jackson's withdrawal from the Senate Armed Services CIA Subcommittee. She said she was unaware the Senator was no longer on our Subcommittee and seemed somewhat surprised. We talked about the House and Senate Select Committee inquiries and I expressed concern about maintaining the security of the information involved.

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Delivered Agency maps to Dr. Arlon Tussing, on the staff of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, and also to George Stringfellow, on the staff of Representative Richardson Preyer (D., N. C.).

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16.

Russ Rourke, White House staff, called and said the information he had given Mr. Cary on the Areeda letter this morning was incorrect and that what Les Janka, NSC staff, had told me was somewhat on track as the Areeda letter to Chairman Thomas Morgan, House Foreign Affairs Committee, had been withdrawn for some slight revisions. He said we should draft our reply on H. Res. 205 to Chairman Melvin Price, House Armed Services Committee, along the lines of the revised Areeda letter which he would send to us. Rourke was not sure who in the Administration was responsible for coordinating the replies on the various resolutions of inquiry. I said we seem to be getting the most timely information from him and agreed that we would tie in with Tom Lattimer, DOD, and Rourke would tie in with Robert McCloskey, State Department.

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[redacted] Don Sanders, Senate Affairs,

Department of Defense, visited for about an hour to review my experience with the Watergate inquiry in connection with his assignment to the Senate Select Committee. I told Sanders of [redacted] s, IC staff, role and the USIB support structure and that if he intended to get involved he should tie in with them. STATINTL

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[redacted] Bob O'Reagan, Staff Assistant,

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in the office of Representative Dante Fascell (D., Fla.), called to determine if the Agency had any interest in certain property in [redacted] which is noted on the tax rolls as "U. S. Government."

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Office of Logistics, is reviewing [redacted]

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19.

[redacted] Delivered to the offices of Senators

Edward W. Brooke (R., Mass.), Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), Lloyd Bentsen (D., Tex.), George McGovern (D., S.D.), Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), and Representative Leo J. Ryan (D., Calif.) [redacted] items in which their names were mentioned.

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[redacted] Delivered to Maitland McCord, on

the staff of Representative John J. Flynt, Jr., (D., Ga.), a package of information for use in responding to constituent requests about the Agency.

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[redacted] Per arrangements made by Mr. Cary,

left with Chris Cowart, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, a copy of the Agency "Guide to CIA Laws and Statutes" for Jim Kendall, who has recently rejoined Chairman Stennis' staff.

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